

In the Claims

Kindly cancel claims 4 and 12 and amend claim 3 as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) In a communications system having a checkpoint server and a router, said router having a router server, a method for reconstructing separate but interrelated data comprising:
 - determining whether there has been a new connection having a corresponding base layer established through said router;
 - if there is a new connection through said router, creating a unique connection identifier for said new connection;
 - if there is a new connection through said router, creating a unique connection identifier for said new connection;
 - determining whether there has been a change of state for an existing connection running on said router; and
 - if there has been a change of state for an existing connection running on said router, then checkpointing data corresponding to said existing connection to said checkpoint server with said unique connection identifier embedded therein, wherein checkpointing is a process including critical data regarding the state of a connection through the router is stored, wherein the connection is re-established using the checkpointed data.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the acts of:

determining whether there is data available within said checkpoint server for a
~~said~~ firewall application; and

recovering said data by said firewall application from said checkpoint server if
there is data available within said checkpoint server for said firewall
application.

4. (Cancel)

5. (Original) In a communications system having a checkpoint server, a router, and a
firewall application having at least one connection therethrough, a method for
uniquely checkpointing data comprising:

creating a unique connection identifier corresponding to each at least one
connection through the router;

checkpointing data regarding said at least one connection through said router
within said checkpoint server; and

encoding said checkpointing data within said checkpoint server with said
corresponding unique connection identifier.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising the acts of:

recovering said checkpointing data; and

reassembling said checkpointing data according to said unique connection identifier.

7. (Original) A communications system apparatus, having a router with connections running therethrough, the router further having a router server therein, said communications system comprising:

a firewall application device running within the router, said firewall application device responsive to connections made through said router; and

a checkpoint server device running within said router, said checkpoint server device responsive to said firewall application device,

said firewall application device configured to create a unique connection identifier in response to connections made through said router, and said firewall application device configured to checkpoint data associated with said connections with corresponding said unique connection identifier embedded therein to said checkpoint server.

8. (Original) The communications system apparatus of claim 7, wherein the firewall application device is further configured to recover said data from said checkpoint server and reassembling said data using said unique connection identifier embedded within said data.

9. (Previously Presented) A program storage device, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a machine to perform a method for reconstructing separate but interrelated data, said method comprising:

determining whether there has been a new connection having a corresponding base layer established through said router;

if there is a new connection through said router, creating a unique connection identifier for said new connection;

storing said corresponding base layer with said unique connection identifier therein within said checkpoint server;

determining whether there has been a change of state for an existing connection running on said router; and

if there has been a change of state for an existing connection running on said router, then checkpointing data corresponding to said existing connection to said checkpoint server with said unique connection identifier embedded therein, wherein checkpointing is a process including critical data regarding the state of a connection through the router is stored, wherein the connection is re-established using the checkpointed data.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) The program storage device of claim 9, further comprising the acts of:

determining whether there is data available within said checkpoint server for

said firewall application; and

recovering said data by said firewall application from said checkpoint server if

there is data available within said checkpoint server for said firewall

application.
12. (Cancel)
13. (Original) A program storage device, tangibly embodying a program of

instructions executable by a machine to perform a method for uniquely

checkpointing data, said method comprising:

creating a unique connection identifier corresponding to each at least one

connection through the router;

checkpointing data regarding said at least one connection through said router

within said checkpoint server; and

encoding said checkpointing data within said checkpoint server with said

corresponding unique connection identifier.
14. (Original) The program storage device of claim 13, further comprising the acts of:

recovering said checkpointing data; and

reassembling said checkpointing data according to said unique connection identifier.